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Candidate for Delegate



I was privileged to be a delegate for the first time in 2010. I wrote a brief article in the jargon after attending my first, 2011 House of Delegates (HOD). I felt so honored to be member of the APTA after leaving my first HOD experience. Although I had always told my peers that being a member of the American Physical Therapy Association was like having professional “life insurance” I had a greater respect for our leaders’ dedication. Each attendance to the HOD since 2011 through 2017 has added to my desire to continue to serve New Jersey as a delegate. Our team each house session is hard working and committed to representing our New Jersey Delegation.

Preparation for the HOD requires us to review many posted documents, track discussions and review background information on each of the candidates running for election to the Board of Directors and Nominating Committee. The Board of Directors of our Association must have dedication to moving our profession in a forward thinking direction. I feel that I am a conscientious HOD member coming to conference calls and in person meetings prepared, offering information and points of view to enable our team to choose when voting at the House in best direction for our profession.

I have been a physical therapist for 39 years, and a member of the APTA. I have been fortunate to have a perspective of both a clinician and academician. I worked many years at Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation. During my time at Kessler I served as the Center Coordinator of Clinical Education for many years finding a significant value in educating future peers. I began teaching full-time in 1993 as the Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education at Hunter College. Clinical Education has been a significant part of my career in the clinic, academically and I have served actively at the state, regional and national level. I was instrumental in my role of Chairperson of the NYNJ Clinical Education Consortia in initiating research and achieving publication of our work. Additionally, I was a Clinical Instructor Trainer for Credentialing Clinical Instructors since the start of that program in 1997 until 2017. Instructing clinical educators has provided me with the opportunity to meet physical therapist throughout New York and New Jersey and provide them with skills to improve the quality of our clinical education process which impacts students’ level of competence entering the profession. In 2004 I began teaching at Columbia University continuing as Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education and

transitioned to a faculty role in 2008. My background has provided me with a perspective I believe benefits our New Jersey Delegation. It would be an honor to continue to serve.